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## Publishers' Department

### The Three Thousand

We are nearer the 3,000 mark than we were last week at this time, which means that new subscriptions have been coming in and continue to come, but they must come more rapidly if the required number is to be reached within the next month. There is no reason why February 1, 1900, should not find 3,000 subscribers on our list. Let each one interested do his duty and the coveted 3,000 will be realized. If each of 100 agents will make a reasonable effort the result will be attained within the next month. Pastors will please keep the matter before their people. When new members are added to your congregation see to it that they take the EVANGELIST. It will help you as much as it will help them.

### The Annual

The Annual or Church Year Book for 1900 has been ready for sometime and all orders to date have been filled. It contains a first class almanac, and other very valuable matter. Important events in the Brethren church, accessions to the church, dedication of church buildings, etc., are given under each month of the year, beginning with October 1898, and ending with September 1899. It also contains Church Directory, giving the several officers of the National Conference, the various Boards, etc., including the officers and Boards of state organizations, where such information was available. Every home in the church should have this book. Price, ten cents. You can order thru your agent if you prefer, if not send direct to us.

### The New Quarterly

Our Sunday-school Quarterly was formerly set in 14 em measure, but is now set in 16 em measure, which means that it is one seventh larger than formerly. The columns also a little longer, so that it is safe to say the present Quarterly contains one sixth more matter than it did before. There are 32 pages and two cover pages, making 34 in all, and hence the Quarterly in its present form contains almost six more pages of matter than formerly. The first nine pages are given to miscellaneous matter, specially prepared with a view of adding light to the portions of the gospels covered by the lessons of the first quarter, 1900. The contents of the Quarterly are as follows:

1. Two full pages are given to each of the lessons

of the quarter, notes, comments, application of the text, questions, time, place, persons, etc.

2. The two cover pages are given to a Bible Dictionary.

3. Page one contains editorial Brieflets.

4. On page two will be found a harmony of the gospels covering the same period as that covered by the lessons of the quarter. This harmony will be continued in succeeding issues of the Quarterly, always covering the same period as that covered by the lessons of the quarter for which it is prepared. In this harmony the titles of the lessons are printed in boldface type, and thus the reader can see at a glance just what he is to read to get the intervening events, and if he will carefully follow these events, at the close of the eighteen months course of study he will have read the four gospels chronologically and systematically.

5. The Thirty Silent Years, by C. A. Dickey, will be found very helpful.

6. The Preparation of the World for Christ, by W. D. Furry, is excellent.

7. The Incarnation, by C. F. Yoder is interesting and suggestive.

8. A Brief Introduction to the Gospels, will be found very helpful to all, and especially to teachers.

9. New Wine Into Fresh Bottles, by Cannon Farrar, is a lucid explanation of a very difficult passage of scripture.

10. Regeneration, or the New Birth, by G. W. Rench, will be found interesting and helpful by all who read it.

11. Christ in Prophecy, by J. L. Gillin, is brief but to the point.

12. The Four Gospels, by Cannon Farrar.

13. Meaning of John 3:8, by Dr. Plummer is a sane treatise of an important and much misunderstood passage of scripture.

Can any member of the Brethren church afford to be without a copy of this Quarterly? There will be six issues during the eighteen months of the course in the study of the life of Christ. Those who have no opportunity of attending Sabbath school should make certain of getting a copy of the Quarterly regularly as they are issued. The six numbers will make an interesting and suggestive commentary on the gospels. The price of the Quarterly per year, single copies, is 25 cents. Those who subscribe for the six numbers get it for 35 cents.

### Home Employment

Pleasant and profitable home amusement rewarded by a handsome and valuable premium consisting of a complete set of first-class encyclopedia. For particulars of this remarkable offer and how to obtain this beautiful and desirable premium for absolutely nothing, send twenty-five cents in silver to J. Box 70, Brookville, Franklin Co., Indiana, and receive by return mail full particulars including a package the contents of which is worth more than the money you remit for it.

We have received a copy of an illustrated paper called "The Corn Belt," a clean, well printed and highly interesting publication, containing many pictures and descriptions of Western farms. There is nothing cheap about this paper, and we congratulate the Chicago publishers on their good work.

### When Does the 19th Century End?

There has been no small controversy as to when the nineteenth century ends and when the twentieth begins. With many people it is not a debatable question, and we confess belonging to this class, the *outlook* of last week calls editorial attention to the subject in the following language which we think is to the point and may be of interest to our readers:

The German Emperor has officially declared that the present century ends with its

ninety-ninth year, and has ordered the Court and the army to celebrate the coming January 1 as the beginning of the new century. The year 1900 will not be the hundredth year of the nineteenth century, but apparently the nothingth year of the twentieth century! In this decision the young Emperor has the authority of Heine, who, because born in the year 1800, referred to himself as one of the first men of his century. On January 1 the Emperor William, with more than his usual serenity, may think of himself as absolutely the first man of "his" century. In this position, however, he has charming company on this side of the water. The gifted President of one of our leading colleges for women has written to the Boston "Herald" seriously arguing that "The first year is a different thing from the year 1. The year 1 cannot be written until it is completed. . . . Anything beyond midnight on the first of January of the coming year is time that must be reckoned in the 1901st year." If this college president's premise is true, her conclusion follows; but, as a matter of fact, the first year is the same thing as the year 1. The words "Anno Domini" mean "in the year of our Lord," and whatever happened "in the first year of our Lord" happened in the year 1. Otherwise it must have happened in the year 0, which is as contrary to logic as it is to history. There is no year naught. The year 1 was the first year of the first century; the year 101 was the first year of the second century; and the year 1901 will be the first year of the twentieth century. But, simple as the matter is when looked at in a simple way, this college President's confusion is in no way due to the feminine quality of her mind. The masculine President of one of our leading universities says in a recent volume that the average expenses of students at Yale in "the first year of the third decade" were \$175, when his context shows that he means the year 1830 and not the year 1821. In other words, the masculine educator not only assumed a year naught in the first century, but a decade naught in the present century. His first decade ended in 1819!

### Pacific Notes

We have been silent a good while so far as speaking thru the columns of our excellent paper goes, but we have not been silent nor idle in the field of labor into which the Lord has called us.

The camp meeting held in September was a great success in every way. There were eight additions instead of four as were reported.

Brother Reed reports good meetings at all of his appointments. Brother C. E. Doty, who has been for some time at Sunnyside, Washington, returned to his family at Vernalis recently, but only to complete arrangements for the removal of family to Washington. Brother Reed and the Vernalis Brethren will miss this household much, but Sunnyside will be the gainer. May the Father's blessing go with them. The Marsh Creek